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SUBJECT: WEU ASSEMBLY REPORT ON CSCE

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1. FROM THE REPORT IN REFTEL OF CONTENTS OF SUBJECT REPORT,
WE WERE DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN THAT THE WEU POLITICAL
COMMITTEE APPROVED SEGRE'S REPORT BY A VOTE OF 16 TO 1,
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WITH ONE ABSTENTION. REPORT APPEARS TO ACCEPT SEVERAL KEY
SOVIET IDEAS ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CSCE AND HOW THE
BELGRADE MEETING SHOULD BE CONDUCTED:

A. QTE PROGRESS IN DETENTE WILL LEAD TO PROGRESS ON HUMAN
RIGHTS. UNQTE. ALLIES THROUGHOUT CSCE WORKED TO EXCLUDE
THIS IDEA FROM FINAL ACT AND ARGUED THAT IMPROVEMENT IN

HUMAN RIGHTS WAS NOT DEPENDENT ON PROGRESS OF DETENTE, BUT RATHER WAS A GOAL UNTO ITSELF DERIVING FROM QTE INHERENT DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON. UNQTE. WE BELIEVE IMPROVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION CAN HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON DETENTE, BUT REJECT MAKING HUMAN RIGHTS DEPENDENT ON DETENTE.

B. QTE NEED TO PLAY DOWN IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE. UNQTE. ALLIES HAVE OBTAINED

CERTAIN COMMITMENTS FROM USSR AND OTHER COMMUNIST STATES IN CSCE, SEVERAL OF THEM ON HUMAN RIGHTS RELATED QUESTIONS. SINCE HELSINKI, WESTERN EMPHASIS HAS BEEN ON NEED TO IMPLEMENT THESE COMMITMENTS. ALLIES HAVE AGREED ON NEED FOR FULL AND FRANK REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION AT BELGRADE. WE BELIEVE CONCEPT OF QTE PLAYING DOWN UNQTE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IS TANTAMOUNT TO A WHITE-WASH, AND THAT IT IS FUNDAMENTALLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH IDEA OF AN HONEST REVIEW.

C. QTE DANGERS OF ACCUSATIONS BY OPPOSING BLOCS. UNQTE. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SOVIET BLOC WILL SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE -- CERTAINLY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. THE WESTERN ALLIES, WHO SHARE THE SAME VALUES, WILL ALSO PROBABLY TAKE VERY SIMILAR POSITIONS ON SUCH ISSUES, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT EXPECT STRICT ADHERENCE TO A JOINT POLICY. THE ALLIES HAVE ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THAT OVERALL WESTERN COHESION IS NECESSARY IN CSCE NEGOTIATIONS.

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D. QTE CONCENTRATING ON NEW WAYS TO ENCOURAGE GREATER EAST-WEST COOPERATION RATHER THAN LACK OF PAST PERFORMANCE IN LIVING UP TO FINAL ACT. UNQTE. ALLIES HAVE AGREED THAT CENTRAL FUNCTION OF BELGRADE MEETING SHOULD BE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION, THUS CONCENTRATING PRIMARILY ON PAST PERFORMANCE. WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE PROPER FOCUS FOR THE MEETING, IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT COMMITMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN ARE CARRIED OUT. THERE CAN BE NO EAST-WEST COOPERATION WITHOUT SOME ASSURANCE THAT AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO WILL ACTUALLY BE CARRIED OUT.

2. FOR USNATO: YOU SHOULD CALL ATTENTION OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO SEGRE'S REPORT, AND FACT THAT IT WAS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED IN WEU POLITICAL COMMITTEE DESPITE ITS APPARENT ENDORSEMENT OF SOVIET LINE AND SHARP CONTRADICTION OF ATTITUDE WESTERN COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN TOWARD CSCE AND BELGRADE. YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THAT ALLIES WHICH ARE MEMBERS OF WEU, ESPECIALLY THOSE

WHICH HAVE MEMBERS OF WEU POLITICAL COMMITTEE, SHOULD CONTACT THEIR PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO PARTICIPATE IN WEU AND EXPLAIN TO THEM CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN SEGRE REPORT AND WESTERN APPROACH TO CSCE/BELGRADE, WHICH IS BASED ON TRADITIONAL WESTERN VALUES.

3. FOR PARIS AND ROME: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TEXT OF REPORT AND FULL VOTING LINE-UP INCLUDING PARTY AFFILIATIONS.

4. FOR WEU CAPITALS: YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE ABOVE IN YOUR CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT AND WEU OFFICIALS.

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